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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

CASE

Serial No.: 10/714,184

Filed: 11/13/2003

For: PUNCH ASSEMBLY AND METHOD
OF USE THEREOF

Examiner: Michael W. Talbot

Group Art Unit: 3722

November 1, 2006

San Diego, California 92108

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER RULE 1.116

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
BOX AF
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 9/1/2006, Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) the Examiner to reconsider the above-referenced application for allowance. In addition, the following claim amendments are submitted as placing the present application in better condition for allowance. As set forth below, Applicant also submits that the Section 102(b) and 103(a) rejections have been overcome and that the subject matter of the claims is clearly not taught or obvious in view of the references as discussed below.